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LETTER DATED 16 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANCE, SPAIN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to transmit to you the English and French texts of the Statement on American steps to promote peace and a political settlement in former Yugoslavia, adopted by the European Community and its member States on 12 February 1993.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Statement on American steps to promote peace and a political settlement in former Yugoslavia

(Copenhagen and Brussels, 12 February 1993)

"The European Community and its member States welcome the initiative by the United States towards a more active involvement in the international efforts to promote peace and a political settlement of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia supporting and building upon the negotiating efforts of the co-chairmen, as announced on 10 February by Secretary of State Warren Christopher. With its emphasis on a negotiated settlement to the conflict, it is in line with the policy pursued by the European Community and its member States since the conflict began.

"The European Community and its member States further welcome the appointment of Ambassador Reginald Bartholomew as U.S. envoy to the peace negotiations, conducted under the aegis of the United Nations and the European Community and its member States. His close cooperation with the co-chairmen will contribute to the achievement of the common goal.

"It is essential that continued full support for the efforts of the co-chairmen be maintained and that momentum in the negotiations be upheld. Discussions within the United Nations Security Council must be pursued and intensified. Pressure must continue to be brought on all parties to agree on the still unresolved questions concerning the future settlement in Bosnia-Herzegovina and other unresolved issues in the former Yugoslavia. The American initiative is an important contribution to these efforts.

"The European Community and its member States look forward to close cooperation with the U.S. in the pursuit of a negotiated settlement and in its implementation, in which regional organizations will have an important role."